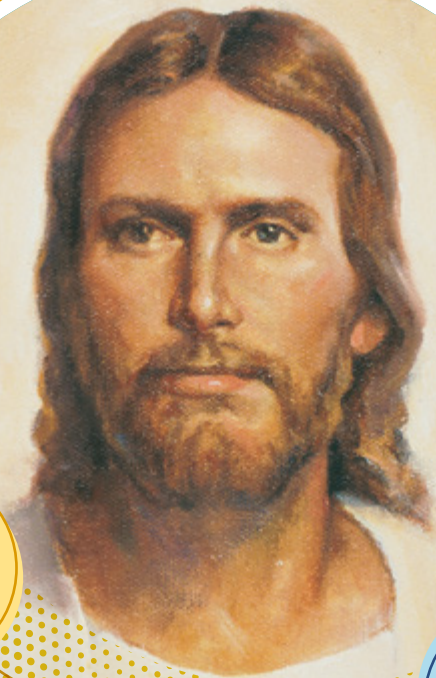


Facts about JESUS CHRIST,



Jesus Christ ...



You ...

“Was in the beginning, before the world was” (D&C 93:7).

“Waxed [grew] strong in spirit” (Luke 2:40).

“Increased in wisdom ...

“And stature,

“And in favour with God ...

“And man” (Luke 2:52).

“Continued from grace to grace, until he received a fulness” (D&C 93:13).



“Were also in the beginning with the Father” (D&C 93:23).

Are getting stronger in spirit by both *learning* and *applying* gospel principles.

Are increasing in wisdom through education, good decisions, and experience.

Are growing physically.

Can gain Heavenly Father’s favor by keeping the commandments.

Can gain the trust of your parents and others by showing increased maturity and responsibility.

Can also receive a fulness through Jesus Christ—if you keep God’s commandments (see D&C 93:27).



Facts about YOU

Understanding some facts about the Savior and His life can encourage us to believe that following Him really is possible.

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In every way, Jesus Christ is far greater than any of us (see Isaiah 55:8–9; Abraham 3:19). It was no accident that He was the Father’s “Beloved and Chosen from the beginning” (Moses 4:2) and that He obtained the glory He has.

But we shouldn’t think that the Savior’s greatness sets us so far from Him that His invitation to follow Him feels like a call to do the impossible. Modern revelation helps us see just how attainable the goal of following the Savior’s example really is.

Here are some facts about Jesus Christ and some facts about you. These can help you see that you can indeed follow the same basic path He did to obtain a fulness of the blessings Heavenly Father has in store for you.



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“If Jesus, the Son of God, and the Father of the heavens and the earth in which we dwell, received not a fulness at the first, but increased in faith, knowledge, understanding and grace until he received a fulness, is it not possible for all men who are born of women to receive little by little, line upon line, precept upon precept, until they shall receive a fulness, as he has received a fulness, and be exalted with him in the presence of the Father?”

Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph F. Smith (1998), 153.

“Received not of the fulness at the first, but received grace for grace” (D&C 93:12). This means that He didn’t have a complete knowledge of His identity and mission when He first came to earth, nor did He have all power. He grew in knowledge and power from God as He obeyed.

“Was in all points tempted like as we are, ...

“Yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).

Didn’t have a full knowledge of your identity and purpose when you were born but have grown in that knowledge gradually. Through the Holy Ghost, God gives us spiritual knowledge and power “line upon line, precept upon precept” (2 Nephi 28:30).

Are tempted.

Have sinned (as all people have)—but can be cleansed from sin through Jesus Christ’s Atonement by repenting, being baptized, receiving the Holy Ghost, and partaking of the sacrament.

Of course, other facts about Jesus Christ can show you how you are or can be following Him (for instance, He was baptized, and you have been—or can be—too). And learning about Jesus Christ can help you see that when it comes to your path in this life, He truly “marked the path and led the way, and ev’ry point defines” (“How Great the Wisdom and the Love,” *Hymns*, no. 195). **NE**

